

(REGULATORY LANGUAGE)

Section 180.2, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9003 of the Fish and Game Code, every trap used to take fin fish, mollusks or crustaceans shall contain at least one destruct device listed in subsections (a), (b) and (c) below. The use of any structures or materials that defeat the purpose of the destruct device is prohibited.

(a) Each department approved destruct device shall create an unobstructed escape opening in the top or upper half of the trap of at least 5 inches in diameter when the destruct attachment material corrodes or fails.

(b) Department approved destruct attachment materials are limited to the following:

(1) 14 gauge (.080 + or - .003 inch) or smaller metal hog rings excluding stainless steel or other non-corrodible materials;

(2) untreated cotton twine size No. 21-thread or less, except that traps used to take Dungeness or rock crabs are limited to a single strand of untreated cotton twine size No. 120 or less;

(3) 24 gauge (.028 + or - .003 inch) or smaller uncoated bare metal crimps (~~J-clips~~) excluding stainless steel or other non-corrodible materials;

(4) magnesium pins not larger than one-quarter (.25) inch in diameter which may be used to hold together each half of plastic or fiberglass traps or may be used to attach the lid or door; or,

(5) The use of rubber straps attached to metal or plastic hooks with a single loop of untreated cotton twine size No. 120 or less may be used to close the trap provided they are attached in such a manner as to aid the destruct process. The use of any rubber strap or non-corrosive material that defeats the purpose of the destruct panel is prohibited.

(c) [Operative until July 16, ~~2003~~2006] Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, traps used to take Dungeness crabs, which are constructed of wire mesh, may have up to three meshes (described as "V"s or a "W" and a "V") that protrude into the destruct device opening provided that the points of each of these meshes are separated by at least one side (bar) of an adjoining mesh that has been removed and each of the meshes extend into the opening a distance of not more than 2 1/2 inches, as measured from the perimeter of the opening along either edge of the protruding wire mesh, to serve as an anchor for the destruct attachment material. On Dungeness crab traps constructed of wire mesh, the panel containing the destruct device and the wire mesh acting as an anchor for the destruct material must be constructed of a single wire no greater than .050 inches in diameter. This subsection shall become inoperative on July 16, ~~2003~~2006 and is repealed effective that date.

(c) [Operative July 16, ~~2003~~2006] Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, traps used to take Dungeness crabs, which are constructed of wire mesh, may have not more than a single wire mesh (described as a "V") that protrudes into the destruct device opening provided that the mesh extends into the opening a distance of not more than 2 1/2 inches, as measured from the perimeter of the opening along either edge of the protruding wire mesh, to serve as an anchor for the destruct attachment material. On Dungeness crab traps constructed of wire mesh, the panel containing the destruct

device and the wire mesh acting as an anchor for the destruct material must be constructed of a single wire no greater than .050 inches in diameter. This subsection shall become operative on July 16, ~~2003~~2006.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 7708, 8500 and 9003, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 8500, 9003, and 9008, Fish and Game Code.